

## Message Text

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APPROVED BY NEA;NAVELIOTES  
DOE:HBURGOLD(SUB)  
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P R 311737Z DEC 77  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS PRIORITY  
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN  
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE  
AMEMBASSY PARIS  
AMEMBASSY RABAT  
AMEMBASSY ROME

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FROM SECSTATE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENGY, AG

S : ALGERIA - DISTRIGAS LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS (CAS)

1. LATE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 30 DEPARTMENT WAS INFORMED  
BY SENIOR LEVEL OF DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY THAT DOE WAS  
DEFINITELY PLANNING TO MAKE FINAL DECISION IN JANUARY ON  
DISTRIGAS LNG IMPORT CONTRACT. DOE INDICATED THAT  
PROSPECTS FOR POSITIVE DECISION WERE REASONABLY FAVORABLE.  
ABOVE INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED TO ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR  
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SAME EVENING AND MAY BE CONFIRMED BY EMBASSY TO GOA.

2. FYI: DISTRIGAS CONTRACT, WHICH HAS RECEIVED PRELIM-  
INARY APPROVAL FROM FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION,  
WOULD REPLACE SEVERAL OLDER CONTRACTS AND PROVIDE FOR  
ANNUAL IMPORT VOLUME OF 46 BILLION CUBIC FEET TO EVERETT,  
MASSACHUSETTS, TERMINAL. PROSPECTIVE AFFIRMATIVE DISTRI-

GAS DECISION DOES NOT REPEAT NOT SIGNAL THAT FINAL DOE  
DECISIONS ARE IMMINENT IN EL PASSO II AND TENNECO CASES,  
WHICH ARE MUCH LARGER AND INVOLVE ISSUES UNRELATED TO  
DISTRIGAS CASE. END FYI.  
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## Message Attributes

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